

ANSWER FILED IN RED CROSS CASE

Remonstrants Insist Upon
Full Investigation.

THE GALVESTON FLOOD FUND

Declared That Miss Barton Exceeded
Authority, and an Accounting
Is Demanded.

The answer of the remonstrants to the reply of the American Red Cross has been filed with Senator Proctor, chairman of the investigating committee. It insists upon a thorough inquiry into all acts of the Red Cross from the beginning of the society's existence, and in particular it charges the act of investigation of Miss Clara Barton's act.

It is declared that at one meeting of the society, soon after the Galveston flood, Stephen Barton, nephew of Miss Barton, appeared before the board of control and said "that moneys used for Red Cross purposes had come addressed to and were remitted to Clara Barton personally and that a little latitude should be given and given graciously to Miss Barton in her desire as to what use should be made of that money."

Demanded an Accounting.

The remonstrants say that it is their right to know what money was given to Miss Barton as president of the Red Cross and what was given to her as an individual, and what was so given as to make the president accountable for it to the association. They say that it was the duty of the Red Cross president to reveal what funds were given by the donors to be used as she might choose, and what was stamped with a trust. They then call for all of Miss Barton's bank accounts.

The point is made with reference to the Gardiner donation of a tract of land in Indiana, which was deeded to Miss Barton in trust for the Red Cross, and which she permitted to revert to the donor, that while Miss Barton, as a trustee, might, with the aid of a court of equity, relinquish her trusteeship, she had no right whatever to relinquish the rights of the Red Cross organization. As many of the suspended members are among the incorporators of the Red Cross, they now deny the right of Miss Barton to restore the property donated without authority.

New Details in Paper.

The paper filed tells a story differing materially from that given by the adherents of Miss Barton. It says that the collection of money for the Red Cross, Miss Barton admitted that Atwell had collected money, but said he had threatened the society with a damage suit because of the interference of Mrs. Ellen S. Mussey, who had called his contract and had injured his reputation.

Miss Barton said she had permitted him to retain what he had collected and had given him out of her own pocket \$1,000 to settle the matter. It is asserted by the remonstrants that Mrs. Mussey, as counsel for the society, held that the contract made by Miss Barton with Atwell was made without proper authority and was not binding upon the corporation.

Held Her to Contract.

Atwell, however, refused to release Miss Barton from her contract, although he did promise not to solicit any more funds. This promise, the remonstrants say, was not made and Mrs. Mussey had to go to New York to annul the contract.

The remonstrants point also to the collection by W. W. Howard of \$12,000 and the fact that no part of this reached the Red Cross as further evidence of misadministration. Referring to the denial that dissatisfaction existed with the working of the Red Cross, they ask that the letters of resignation of George Kennan and the Rev. Alexander Kent be called for.

SAMUEL CREED CROSS DEFENDS NEGRO RACE

Large Audience Greets Member of West
Virginia Legislature.

A large and enthusiastic audience of negroes filled the auditorium of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, at last evening's session of the Bethel Literary and Historical Association, to greet the Hon. Samuel Creed Cross, member of the West Virginia Legislature, who lectured on "The Negro and the South."

The audience was thoroughly representative, comprising the leading clergymen and students of Howard University, officers, principals, and teachers of the public schools and professional and business men. Among the political and fraternal organizations, which attended in a body, were the William McKinley Club, headed by Col. Perry H. Carson, and the Frederick Douglass Relief Association, led by its president, John A. Davis.

The following occupied seats on the platform: The Rev. Walter H. Brooks, the Rev. William J. Howard, the Rev. R. S. Rives, the Rev. O. J. W. Scott, the Rev. L. C. Sheafe, the Rev. O. M. Walker, John P. Green, George P. E. S. Pinchback, Prof. T. M. Dent, Prof. William H. Richards, George W. Jackson, and Thomas H. Wright.

Mr. Cross spoke for two hours. His speech was a defense of human rights, a scathing arraignment of those who, by persecution and unjust laws, are seeking to "reduce the negro to a state of moral, social, and political degradation."

U. S. GUNBOAT HELENA ARRIVES AT SHANGHAI

The United States gunboat Helena, which has been in mud dock at Niu-chwang, Manchuria, all winter, arrived at Shanghai today.

Commander Mason of the United States cruiser Cincinnati, sent a dispatch to the Navy Department this morning from Shanghai announcing the arrival there of the Helena.

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Five Tenants Perish In Fire-Swept House

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Man, His Three Children,
and Maid Cremated in Doorway of Apartment--Paralyzed by Fear.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., April 6.—Five people were burned to death, and four others burned, one fatally, in a conflagration which destroyed Columbia Hall shortly before 5 o'clock this morning. Practically the entire family of Nathan Frey perished in the flames. The dead are:

NATHAN FREY, forty-five years; shoe dealer.
SARAH FREY, eleven years old.
HELEN FREY, eight years old.
ESSIE DORING, a maid.
HENRY FREY, three years old.

List of Injured.

The injured are Mrs. Nathan Frey, fatally burned; Mrs. A. E. Berry, fractured hip; Mrs. Lou's Levine, inhalation of smoke and fumes, and Mrs. John Morris, unconscious.

Columbia Hall was occupied on the ground floor by the piano factory of J. C. Schiller and the carriage repository of D. R. Woods. The second floor was an auditorium used for theatrical purposes and was occupied by the families of the tenants.

Floor in Flames.

It was shortly before 5 o'clock when Lewis Levine smelled smoke. He found the complete lower floor in flames and

escape by the stairway cut off. Levine seized his baby and calling to his wife to follow him, fled to the roof, where he made his escape to the adjoining building.

Mrs. Levine was overcome by smoke and rescued in an unconscious condition. Levine aroused the house by his cries and the frightened tenants poured into the smoke-filled hallways. Nathan Frey, paralyzed by fear, stumbled back in his apartment and awoke his wife, the three children and the maid. The open door of the apartment created a draft and the flames caught them.

Burned in Doorway.

Mrs. Frey made her escape, but Mr. Frey, carrying two children in his arms and followed by the eldest child and the maid, was caught, and all were burned in the doorway.

Mrs. A. E. Berry, while descending a ladder which broke, fell and dislocated her hip. The fire department in the meantime had arrived, and with long ladders the tenants, who were huddled on the roof, were carried to the street in safety. The origin of the fire has not been determined. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. The tenants lost all their belongings.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, April 6.—Thieves last night attempted to force an entrance to the store of T. A. Groves, in King Street, near Columbus Street. They were evidently scared off. Policemen Sherwood and Beach failed to discover anything missing in the store.

ST. MARY'S BAZAAR.

The bazaar for the benefit of St. Mary's Church organ and building fund opened at the Lyceum Hall last night. The booths were handsomely decorated and were lighted by electric lights, while a levy of beautiful girls were in attendance to wait on the guests. Tonight Bishop Van de Vlier will attend the bazaar.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Young Men's Sodality Lyceum held an interesting meeting at their hall last night. James Roche was elected second vice president, vice W. M. Donnelly, elected first vice president, and John M. Johnson, first lieutenant commander; W. H. May, second lieutenant commander; Samuel C. Boush, third lieutenant commander; M. Latham, adjutant; W. W. Sherwood, treasurer; J. W. Hammond, quartermaster; the Rev. F. J. Brooke, chaplain; Charles F. Taylor, officer of the day; R. N. Crook, Edger Wardfield, F. J. Davidson, and G. William Ramsay, executive committee.

The following were appointed the nominating committee: John R. Zimmerman, Edger Wardfield, R. M. Latham, E. C. Graham, and Thomas Perry.

POLICE COURT TRIALS.

In the police court, Justice Caton presiding, the following cases were disposed of this morning:

Walter Butler, a negro, arrested by Policemen Ferguson, charged with disorderly conduct on the electric cars, was fined \$5.

Harrie Davis and Blaine Craig, negroes, charged by Policemen Mayhew and Knight with disorderly conduct and fighting, were dismissed.

Walter Stepp, a negro, arrested by Policemen Ferguson, charged with disorderly conduct on the electric cars, was fined \$5.

Peter Howard, a negro, is detained at the stationhouse for the guards from the insane asylum.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN.

The vestry of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church has elected the following officers: W. A. Smoot and Henry F. Robertson, wardens; G. W. Ramsay, treasurer; G. L. Bothe, register; L. M. Blackford, delegate to the Episcopal council at Richmond, in May; W. A. Smoot, alternate.

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New York Subway Blaze Plays Havoc With Wires

Newspaper Offices Cut Off and All Messages
Delivered by Carriers--Financial
Loss Proves Slight.

NEW YORK, April 6.—A blaze in the subway this morning, at the corner of Fulton and Broadway, fused all telegraph and telephone wires leading north and put a stop to communication.

Newspaper offices were suddenly cut off, and all messages uptown were delivered by carriers. When it was learned that business would be interrupted for some time the whole office force of the Publishers' Press was moved, bag and baggage, to the Western Union building, where business was resumed as soon as possible.

The fire caught in the wooden superstructure of the subway from a blazing lamp carried by an employee. Burial coverings to water pipes and insulation on electric wires ignited, and before the fire could be extinguished several conduits containing telephone and telegraph wires were destroyed. The smoke filled the subway and worked up in sheets through the underground trolley conduit, giving the impression that the subway was burning for blocks.

The blaze was finally extinguished. The financial damage will be light, but the delay to the Western Union and its customers was widespread and annoying.

NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

MAY LOSE HIS EYESIGHT.

George McCuen, a seven-year-old boy, residing in Cecil Alley, between Thirty-second, Potomac, Grace and K Streets northwest, met with a painful accident about 6:30 o'clock last night.

He was sitting on the railing of the high porch in front of his home, when he fell to the sidewalk, his head striking point upwards from a board. The fall rendered the little fellow unconscious.

The patrol wagon of the Seventh precinct station was summoned, and the boy was conveyed to the Georgetown University Hospital, where he received medical attention. The fall entered his head just above the eye, and it is feared that the eyesight will be permanently affected.

BUSY SEASON EXPECTED.

Traffic on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, has begun for the season. During the shut-down all winter, the canal bed has undergone considerable improvement. This season is expected to be one of the busiest in the history of the waterway.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Valarius E. Ramsburg, of the Georgetown postoffice, is lying dangerously ill at his home on Prospect Avenue northwest.

Dr. Charles Becker, who some weeks ago suffered a stroke of paralysis, which affected the right side of his head and neck, is reported to be slowly improving.

MRS. LEE KNOCKED DOWN BY A BICYCLE RIDER

Crossing the pavement at Fourteenth Street and Rhode Island Avenue this morning, Mrs. Thomas Lee, fifty-five years old, of 143 Bacon Street northwest, was run into and knocked down by a bicycle ridden by Harry Scott, employed at 90 P Street northwest.

She was bruised about the face and body, and also suffered from the shock, but refused to go to a hospital and proceeded on her way.

Scott was arrested by the police of the Second precinct on a charge of reckless riding.

MRS. KIDWELL DIVORCED.

Alice R. Kidwell has been divorced from George O. Kidwell. The decree is signed by Justice Anderson, and it is set out that the separation is granted because of the desertion of Mrs. Kidwell by her husband.

The Special Silver Vaults

of Union Trust and Storage Co., 144 F. are at the disposal of those desiring safe storage for silverware.

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Thursday Bargain Sale.

Every shopper welcomes the opportunity to get a genuinely good article at a price that merits the name of bargain. For this reason Thursday's "cut price" offerings prove an irresistible attraction to every woman who practices thrift.

Women's \$1.50 Oxfords, \$1.

Special lot of women's new spring Oxfords, latest style and shapeliest last, with patent leather tip; light, flexible sole, all sizes. Regular \$1.50 value, for one day at \$1.00 a pair.

15c White Pique, 9c.

25 pieces of white Fancy Pique, in neat and attractive styles. One of the most favored materials for summer shirtwaists. Regular 15c quality, offered for one day at 9c a yard.

Usual 25c Linings, 18c.

Regular 25c Silk Velour, in as many as 25 different colors; one of the most desirable materials on the market for drop skirts and linings. For one day at 18c a yard.

Men's \$10 and \$12 Suits, \$8.65.

A special offering of men's new Spring Suits, in plain and fancy materials of the most fashionable sort. The group includes fancy mixtures in chevrons and cassimeres, also plain black and white Thibets and navy blue Serges. Tailored in the best manner. Regular \$10 and \$12 values, offered for one day at \$8.65.

Apron Gingham, 5c.

200 pieces of Check Apron Gingham, in blue, brown, and green colors; guaranteed fast colors; full pieces, not remnants. Special for one day at 5c a yard.

Fest-Color Prints, 3c.

Fifty pieces of fest color Prints, in navy blue and cadet; suitable for wrappers and aprons. Full pieces—not remnants. For one day at 3c a yard.

Women's 25c Gloves, 18c.

50 dozen pairs of Women's 2-clasp Lisle Gloves, in black and white; all sizes. Regular 25c value, for one day at 18c a pair.

19c All-Silk Ribbons, 11c.

Best quality All-Silk Satin Taffeta Ribbons, numbers 16 and 22, in black, white, and all the leading spring shades. Instead of 19c, offered for one day at 11c a yard.

Women's 19c Neckwear, 10c

A special lot of Women's Turn-down Collars, in entirely new effects, in scores of patterns. Some are trimmed with Irish Point lace, and others have dainty button effects. Regular 19c values, for one day at 10c each.

25c Pillow Shams, 15c.

Branded and Ruffled Pillow Shams, with "good night" and "good morning"—also Bureau Scarfs to match. Regular 25c values, for 15c each.

5c, 8c, and 10c Laces, 2c.

A special lot of Laces, including Torchon and Medici styles, in a grand new assortment of patterns, insertings, and edges. Regular 5c, 8c, and 10c values, for one day at 2c a yard.

Suits Worth up to \$20, \$8.98.

Special lot of women's new style Spring Suits, in plain black and blue chevrons and smart Fancy Mixtures; in Eton and Blouse styles, collarless effects; trimmed with fancy braid and gilt embellishments; others with stitched bands of contrasting color cloth; and many others fashionable styles. Values worth up to \$20, for one day at \$8.98.

Spring Jackets, Worth \$8, \$10 and \$12, \$4.98.

Best quality imported Covert Cloth jackets, made in the latest spring styles, lined with taffeta silk, plain satin or satin duchesse. Styles include jackets with small collar and revers, tailor stitched; others with triple capes over shoulders, still others trimmed with tailored bands of self material; also short double-breasted coats, collarless effects, trimmed with tailor-stitched bands. Regular \$8, \$10, and \$12 values, for one day at \$4.98.

\$5 Walking Skirts, \$2.98.

New style Walking Skirts, materials of lightweight imported Fancy Mixtures; tailor-made style, with front gored of deep tucks, paneled off into side gores with inlaid self material, finished off with tailored pipings and cloth buttons to match. Dark, medium, and light gray; also brown mixtures of the most approved sort. A regular five-dollar skirt for \$2.98.

Regular 39c Dress Goods, 19c.

38-inch Wool Etamine, open mesh material in black and blue; also 38-inch Basket Weave Panama Suiting, in tan, gray, green, etc. Regular 39c quality, offered for one day at 19c a yard.

39c Corded Wash Silks, 29c.

New Corded Wash Silks, in a complete assortment of colors and combinations; also 24-inch plain black Japanese Habutai, and 22-inch plain white Japanese Habutai Wash Silks; qualities never sold for less than 39c a yard before, lowered for one day to 29c a yard.

\$2.00 Voile Waists, 98c.

Cream-color Voile Shirtwaists, open mesh weave; wide pleats down front, trimmed in center with Persian band, collar and cuffs to match. Each fitting well made waists, that belong at \$2, for 98c tomorrow.

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